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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 2ND 1909.

It has recently been estimated by one of the London newspapers that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he frames the Estimates for next year, will find himself obliged to suggest fresh taxation calculated to bring in the large sum of twenty-five million pounds sterling, due partly to the additional expenditure which the legislative achievements of the present Government have entailed, partly to the decline in the national revenue, and including an additional expenditure of about six million pounds per annum for some years to come on the Navy if the Government mean to fulfil their promise to maintain the Two-Power Standard. It was not many months ago that the Premier was publicly ridiculing a prophecy which appeared in the *Spectator* that an additional income of sixteen millions would have to be provided in the next Budget. Mr. LLOYD-GEOFF, however, knew full well how ill-founded was the optimism displayed by his leader in that speech, for it was not long afterwards that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was cheerily telling the country that he was already looking out for "hen-roosts" to rob. As the end of the financial year approaches there is naturally much speculation as to what "hen-roosts" are to be robbed. For the statement that the Budget will be "a startling one" we have the word of the Chancellor of the Exchequer himself, and

he has further declared that it will not "interfere with any productive industry in the country." Not directly perhaps, though it is matter for argument whether any taxation which the Chancellor of the Exchequer can devise will not react upon the productive industries of the country. But new taxes of some kind cannot be avoided. Does the limitation we have mentioned portend taxation of foreign imports? Perish the thought! Is not Mr. LLOYD-GEOFF a staunch upholder of Free Trade? Did he not in that very speech dilate upon the glories of Free Trade in a manner quite poetical? Yet Lord Cromer said quite recently in the House of Lords that the country had positive knowledge that in a few months the £3,500,000 which the Government threw away in relief of the sugar duties will be re-imposed, "perhaps in a more objectionable form." The tea men are not a little apprehensive lest the Chancellor, in spite of his glorification of free imports, may look for "hen-roosts" in Mining Lane, but, until the plans of the Chancellor are definitely known, there will linger the hope that so far from adding to the burden on tea, the Government, bound by its Free Trade traditions, will publicly lament the necessity of having to tax tea at all. In all probability the Government will further squeeze the income tax-payers and increase the death duties. Some time ago it was reported that Mr. LLOYD-GEOFF had been greatly interested in studying Japan's method of levying an income tax, but we doubt whether the adoption of the Japanese system will form the feature of the Budget which the Chancellor had in mind when he promised that it would be a startling one. There are many, however, in England who would like to see the principle of the income-tax extended to the income of the ordinary working man, and there are sound reasons to be adduced in favour of the suggestion. It is not the present income-tax payers who dictate the legislation of the country but the working classes who form the majority of the electors, and if they were made to bear in the direct form of an income tax the increasing cost of Government entailed by the tendency of the age towards socialistic legislation it would greatly increase the sense of responsibility in the elector. But what political party would venture to put forward such a proposal? Its defeat at the polls would be a foregone conclusion. Whatever new proposals may be made are certain to evoke a storm of opposition and the Chancellor of the Exchequer who spoke confidently some months back of the improbability of a dissolution for a few years has now come to see that "it is just possible that Parliament may not run its normal course." It is not merely just possible, but very probable that the present Parliament will not run its normal course.

The Bulletin issued by Dr. Jordan yesterday morning said Her Excellency Lady Lugard's condition had slightly improved during the last 48 hours.

The cruiser *Andromeda* leaves Devonport to-day with the nucleus crew of the cruiser *Warrior*, drafted to the *Bedford*, which will recommission for further service on the China Station.

Seven natives were charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday with behaving in a disorderly manner, and with damaging property at Causeway Bay to the extent of \$13. Six of the defendants were found guilty on the evidence, fined \$25 apiece, and ordered to pay \$2 compensation. The seventh man was discharged.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 31st January, 1909, shows that of non-Chinese there were 417 to the Library and 247 to the Museum and of Chinese 224 to the former and 15,191 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, visited by 641 persons and the Museum by 15,438.

Constable W. Tyrrell of the Naval Yard Police has been posted as missing, and it is feared that he has fallen into the harbour and been drowned. He was last seen on duty at about a quarter to twelve on Sunday evening, and, although inquiries and a search have since been made, they have revealed no trace of the missing man.

A native who was banished on January 13th appeared before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday on a charge of stealing a quantity of clothing from No. 23, Macdonnell Road, Kowloon. He was found guilty and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, a further period of twelve months being added on the charge of returning from banishment.

The King has granted his Royal licence and authority to the following gentlemen to accept and wear the decorations conferred upon them in recognition of valuable services rendered by them—Mr. Walter Thurlow Lay, Commissioner in the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs Service and Mr. Edward Vincent Brennan, a Deputy Commissioner in the same service, the insignia of the First Class of the Third Division of the Imperial Chinese Order of the Double Dragon, conferred upon them by the Emperor of China.

There is a blank on the plague return for the week ending January 30th. Other cases of communicable diseases reported are one of enteric fever and one of smallpox.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. E. E. Halliwell, the Police Magistrate at Tientsin, has nearly recovered from the effects of his recent shooting accident, and he was able to resume duty yesterday.

The Filipino Chamber of Commerce has cabled to the resident Filipino commissioners in Washington asking them that they petition the Congress of the United States for the suspension for the period of three years of the tax imposed on live cattle imported into the Philippine island.

As no confirmation has reached the Colony from Europe of the report that the town of Barcelona has been destroyed by an earthquake, it is assumed that, if there is any truth at all in the news which reached Manila on Sunday, it must refer to the small town of Barcelona in Venezuela.

Mr. N. G. Nolan took over his duties as chief interpreter of the Supreme Court yesterday, his place at the Magistracy being filled by Mr. Wong Kwong Tin who has recently been engaged at the Supreme Court, and was formerly employed at the Registrar-General's office. Mr. Li Hong Mi, who recently retired from the Government Service, has joined the firm of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell as interpreter.

TRAGEDY ON THE "SALAZIE"

There was a great sensation on the French mail steamer *Salazie* as she was approaching Saigon. A passenger, indignant at the behaviour of his wife, shot her dead. The man was put under arrest and handed over to the authorities on the ship's arrival in port.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

Harmston's tent at Causeway Bay is still the great centre of attraction for pleasure seekers, and is likely to continue so during their stay here, the excellent and varied programmes introduced just hitting the popular taste. Last night there were more changes, Mr. Paul Ragoul's performing tigers displaying their skill as tricyclists and afterwards giving the spectators an idea of the appetite of a tiger who is in training. The state of domesticity to which these wild beasts have been reduced is eloquent testimony of the ability of Mr. Ragoul as a trainer, and he well deserved the applause which followed their performance. The other performers carried through the new roles allotted to them with the same success as heretofore.

To-night the amateur riding contest takes place, and to-morrow afternoon there will be a matinee.

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The programme of the Concert to be given by the celebrated virtuoso Premislav is as follows—

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II. Adagio
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According to the Japan papers the stranding of the British steamer *Adato*, at Vries Island (Oshima) took place about 10.30 p.m. on the 19th ult. off the coast of Senzui-maru, Oshima, where where she is now lying on a rock. About 6 p.m. on the 20th the *Yokohama Dock Co.*, left for the scene of the disaster, having on board the representatives of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., the agents, Captain Oatton, and others.

The *Oshima-maru*, of the Yokohama Customs House, also left for the island early on the morning of the 21st with some officials on board. Capt. Stewart and 40 members of the *Adato's* crew were taken off by fishing boats, but the cargo is expected to be totally lost.

The *Adato* had on board 2,882 bales of raw cotton, 166,744 bags of flour, and 6,458 packages of sundry goods for Kōbe and Hongkong. The vessel, which was built at Glasgow ten years ago, is of 3,347 tons gross.

The *Japan Chronicle* notes that the vessel has made only three voyages to Japan, but has met with serious misfortunes on two occasions. On her first voyage she caught fire while lying alongside Kobe Pier; on the second visit, owing to some trouble with the engines, she had to be given for an unpaid coal and provision bill before she was allowed to depart; while on the third visit she has been wrecked.

ABRUZZI ROMANCE.

MISS ELKINS DECIDES TO ENTER A HOSPITAL.

The love romance of the Duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of United States Senator Elkins, is once more at an end. It transpires, says the *Express*, that on December 2, the Duke sent Miss Elkins a 200-word cablegram of farewell.

According to the Washington correspondent of the *World* Miss Elkins has decided to try to forget her royal lover by studying to become a trained nurse. She will begin a course of training at the Homeopathic General Hospital at Washington on January 4, and a professional nurse has been employed to reside in the Elkins household and act as her tutor. Miss Elkins's hospital course will be the same as that of an ordinary student. She will attend all the lectures and clinics, as well as operations. The course will last six months, and at the end of this period Miss Elkins will decide whether she will continue her studies or return to society.

The lady's romantic friends declare that she has decided on the only proper course—she entering a convent—for one who would have been a princess save for cruel tradition.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

SHANGHAI, February 1st.
The International Commission on the Opium Question met to-day.

The Viceroy (H. E. Tuan Fang) in a lengthy speech claimed that marked progress had been made towards the suppression of the opium traffic but a Government monopoly was necessary and he urged the Commission to recommend the readjustment of the treaties so as to permit of this.

When the Viceroy had finished, the French delegate asked that the deliberations should be conducted in the French language. Otherwise they would be bi-lingual.

The Chinese officials were unprepared for this demand, and the Viceroy left without replying.

Bishop Brent was appointed the Chairman, and Mr. Carey, of the Imperial Maritime Customs, Secretary.

The bi-lingual demand will be submitted to a sub-committee for consideration. It is considered unlikely that it will be granted.

General surprise was expressed that the Viceroy should have embarked on questions of general policy as it was understood that such questions were outside the scope of the inquiry.

THE S.S. "ADATO'S" CARGO.

TOKYO, February 1st.
An attempt will be made to salvage the cargo of the s.s. "Adato" which was wrecked at Oshima in a snowstorm on January 19th.

The cargo is valued at a million Yen.

The hull of the vessel will be abandoned.

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SUICIDE OF THE GOVERNOR OF COCHIN-CHINA.

LONDON, January 31st.

A telegram from Saigon reports that M. A. Bonheur, the Governor of Cochin-China, has committed suicide.

His Excellency had been suffering from neurasthenia.

LORD DALMENY AND THE LIBERAL PARTY.

LONDON, January 31st.

Lord Dalmeny (son of Lord Rosebery) has announced that he will not contest the Midlothian division at the next election as he is unable to support the present Government.

CALIFORNIA'S ANTI-ALIEN ATTITUDE.

LONDON, February 1st.

The Californian Legislature is proceeding with the Bill prohibiting aliens from holding land in the State.

The Governor has declared that the Bill does not violate the treaties with Japan.

BELGIUM AND THE CONGO.

LONDON, February 1st.

In connection with the British pressure on Belgium to settle abuses in the Congo, the Belgian Government has notified two big companies that the collection of rubber in their territories is prohibited for one year, after which absolute commercial freedom will be established.

One of the companies, with a paid-up capital of £9,240 sterling, has already distributed a million and a half in profits.

Large judicial administrative reforms are to follow.

Sir Robert Hart accepted an invitation by the Ulster Association in London to a banquet on January 22, under the presidency of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, February 1st.

IN PROBATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

AN AMBIGUOUS WILL.

A friendly action was heard by His Lordship who was asked to place the true construction on the will of the late Joao Antonio da Silva. The plaintiff was J. M. P. da Silva, son of deceased and executor of the will, the defendant being M. A. P. da Silva, widow of the deceased.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. H. K. Holmes represented the plaintiff, and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., who was instructed by Mr. Otto Kong Sing, appeared for the defendant.

Sir Henry Berkeley informed the Court that the action was rendered necessary in order that the true construction might be placed on the will of the late Mr. da Silva. The action was practically in the nature of a friendly suit, and was brought about because of the inability of the widow and the executor and trustee to agree to the proper construction to be placed principally on the fifth clause of the will. The other clauses would also be laid before the Court, and the construction to be placed upon them would also be solicited. The contention, so far as Counsel could see, would be as to the true construction of clause five, but it was possible that the parties might not agree on the other clauses.

Mr. Pollock—There is also a question about repairs and insurance.

Sir Henry Berkeley—The question will arise on the other clauses.

Counsel then read the originating summons, and the following questions which they asked His Lordship to determine—

1. What estate or interest does the defendant take in the chattels and effects mentioned in the fifth paragraph of the will of the said Joao Antonio da Silva, deceased?

2. If the defendant takes a life interest in the said chattels and effects (determinable on marriage) what, if any, inventory should be signed, or undertaking as to safe custody should be given by her in respect thereof?

3. What estate or interest does the defendant take in the testator's leasehold properties?

4. If the defendant takes a life interest in such leasehold properties (determinable on marriage) is she entitled to the enjoyment of the whole thereof in specie, or should the plaintiff as executor take the rents and profits thereof (excepting such mesuagium as may for the time being be occupied by the defendant) and pay the same after deducting Crown rent, rates, ordinary repairs, insurance and other outgoings to the defendant?

5. What estate or interest does the defendant take in the shares of the testator in public companies, and what, if any, transfers of such shares should be made by the executor?

6. What person or persons should have the custody of the testator's collection of coins referred to in the said will?

After hearing the numerous authorities quoted by Counsel for the plaintiff and defendant, His Lordship decided that the costs of the application should come out of the estate, and be taxed as between solicitor and client. The trustee could raise the money by the sale or mortgage of shares.

The case was adjourned *sine die*.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Monday, February 1st.

BEFORE HON. COMMANDER BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

INSUFFICIENT SEABOOM.

Constable Ianegani proceeded against two boatwomen for unlawfully lying within one hundred yards of the shore during prohibited hours.

Each defendant was fined \$2, the alternative being ten days' imprisonment.

DUMPING RUBBISH.
Another boatwoman appeared before his Worship on a charge of dumping rubbish into the harbour.

She pleaded not guilty, but having nothing to say in answer to the charge was fined \$5 or 14 days' imprisonment.

IN CAUSEWAY BAY WITHOUT PERMISSION.
Three more boatwomen were arraigned on a charge of making use of Causeway Bay without the written permission of the Harbour Master.

The first defendant told his Worship she went there to worship god. The second had nothing to say, but the third told the Court she was enclenche.

The first and second defendant were fined \$5 each, and the third was discharged.

UNLAWFULLY FLYING FOR HIRE.
Signal Boatwoman Jefferson of H.M.S. *Kent* charged a native boatwoman with unlawfully flying for hire within 300 feet of H.M.S. *Kent* without the written permission of the Harbour Master or the officer in command of the warship.

A fine of \$5 was imposed, in default, fourteen days' jail.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report—
On the 1st at 12.40 p.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably in S.W. Japan and risen moderately over S.E. Japan and the Bonins.

The depression is moving towards N.E. to the north of Kirin.

Pressure is relatively high over N. China and S.E. Japan.

Moderate monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows—
Hongkong & Neighbourhood { N.E. winds, moderate; fair.
Formosa Channel { Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between { Same as No. 1.
Hongkong and Lamcocks { Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between { Same as No. 1.
Hongkong and Hainan { Same as No. 1.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY.

The report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1908, is as follows:—
Gentlemen,—The Directors now beg to submit to you their report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The net profit for that period amounts to..... \$90,865.04
To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account..... \$4,621.11

Making a total available for appropriation of..... \$95,486.15

The Directors recommend that a dividend of six per cent on the capital be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$90,000.00, and that the balance of \$5,486.15 be carried to a new profit and loss account.

ACCOUNTS.

By a resolution of shareholders passed on the 8th October last the amount of \$50,000.00 standing at the credit of equalization of dividend fund was transferred to typhoon and floods insurance fund. The amount at credit of this fund has since been reduced by \$6,738.06 which represents the amount already paid on account of damage caused by the typhoon and floods of July last. Only part of the damage has, so far, been made good, and it will be necessary to further stretch on this fund to the extent of about \$10,000.00.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. A. G. Wood having resigned on leaving the Colony, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar was invited to join the Board in his place. The Directors now are—Hon. Mr. H. A. W. Slade, Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs. J. Scott Hargrett, J. S. Van Buren, J. W. C. Bonnar and Ho Tung who retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Rotts and H. Perry Smith, F.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

HENRY HUMPHREYS, Chairman.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1909.

Balance Sheet 31st December, 1908.

LIABILITIES.

Capital Account—
150,000 shares @ \$10.00 each... \$1,500,000.00
Insurance reserve fund... 222,172.12
Typhoon and flood insurance fund... 43,261.94
Mortgages... 30,000.00
Sundry creditors... 128,043.75
Unclaimed dividends... 4,351.39
Profit and loss account—
Brought forward from 1907... \$4,621.11
For the year 1908... 90,865.04

95,486.16

\$2,023,315.35

ASSETS.

Amount invested in property... \$1,701,032.85
Amount invested on mortgage... 302,212.57
Accounts receivable... 17,609.55
Fire Insurance premia unexpired... 584.76
Office furniture... 528.00
Cash in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and on hand... 1,297.62

\$2,023,315.35

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1908.

To fire insurance premia... \$5,687.05
To crown rent... 5,168.06
To general charges... 2,886.70
To allowances to general managers to cover office rent and salaries of secretary and clerks... 8,000.00
To repairs... 5,352.08
To auditors fees... 300.00
To balance... 95,486.15

\$122,880.04

By balance brought forward from 1907... \$46,211.11

By rents... 94,070.05

By interest... 23,911.90

By transfer fees... 182.00

By commission... 90.98

\$122,880.04

THE CHINESE CUSTOMS.

REDUCED REVENUE.

The Times Correspondent at Peking, telegraphing on December 31st, said—

The Maritime Customs revenue for 1908 is officially estimated at 32,500,000 taels, which is equivalent to \$2,333,333, the average sterling value of the tael being 32 pence. The revenue compares badly both as regards the silver collection and its gold equivalent with the revenue of 1907, which amounted to \$2,961,545 taels, equivalent to \$2,502,468, the tael then being worth 39 pence. In silver this year's collection is worse than any year since 1904, and in the gold equivalent is worse than any year since 1903. The Customs revenue whether stated in silver or gold shows a steady decline in the past years. It is small wonder that China desires the consent of the Powers to an increase in the Customs duties.

While the Wai-wu-pu is proposing to return for an increase in Maritime Customs duties Chang-chih-tung is endeavouring to obtain three millions sterling from foreign financiers for the construction of the Han-kan-Canton railway, and is offering as security the *liken* revenue of the provinces traversed by the railway. Manchuria also wants a foreign loan, and offers as security the revenues of Manchuria consisting mainly of *liken*. It is usually stipulated in the event of a tariff revision abolishing *liken* that loans secured upon *liken* shall be secured upon the increased Customs revenue consequent upon such revision.

Notices in the papers state that the Regent is now directing his attention to the reform of the present obsolete financial methods in China.

On Monday the consular body at Tientsin waited upon the Viceroy who is the superintendent of Northern trade, to lay before him a statement of the serious position and requested him to take steps to remedy the irregularities in native banking and native trade methods in this important centre. They specially drew his attention to the difficulty of obtaining redress and to the great accumulation of commercial cases undecided in the native Courts.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

London, January 1st.

THE BLIZZARD.

A cold dry Christmas has been succeeded by the severest blizzard that England has seen for many years. In the north and in Scotland, snowed up for twenty-eight hours, have at length emerged under the combined efforts of excavators and a cold thaw.

As I write, London is in a study in shades—white snow on the untrodden paths, black slush in the streets. The treatment of the snow with salt in the main thoroughfares has added to its horrors and its effect is generally to produce a bitter composite of slush that defies alike the clothes brush and the circulation of the blood. The horses are having a terrible time. The motors, however, have come out of the trial better than was to be expected.

It has been good for some of the unemployed, for several hundreds of them have been employed in street clearing. But others, of course, do not regard the labour side of the situation with animation. That point is illustrated by a little anecdote vouchered for by the master of the Dunmow workhouse. He allowed the inmates a liberal supply of evergreens and gave the permission to decorate their quarters. One motto, carefully designed by an old resident for the wall over his bed, was, however, too pathetic to be allowed to remain as a destroyer of Christmas peace. It read—

"How sad to think as we lie in bed
What a pity it is to work."

THE CALAMITY IN ITALY.

The news of the Italian earthquake has also been a poor Christmas present to the world. In our Italian quarters round Saffron Hill and Soho the spirit seems to have been clean knocked out of the people. All celebrations of New Year have been stopped, and the money thus saved has gone to swell the ample relief funds that the world is gathering for the stricken area. Among English people who have been to Messina and its beautiful surroundings the disaster has come as almost a personal affliction, though scarce a one who has seen that sweet spot in its prime but has remarked "Some day that city will be wiped out." It was so situated between Mount Etna and Vesuvius as to mark the natural centre of disturbance. Every time there was a rumbling of the earth the inhabitants stopped their gaiety and their faces blanched with apprehension. They expected the blow one day, but after each mild shock they determined to stay yet awhile. And now it seems clear that over 100,000 of them will never have the chance to be gay or afraid again.

THE ARBITRATION OF TRADE DISPUTES.

An interesting return has just been issued showing that the trade unionists were wise to, at least, give a qualified approval to the new Court of Arbitration, established by the Board of Trade for disputes in which both sides are ready to accept arbitration. For during the past year, there have been 257 disputes, the days lost in strikes have been enormous, wages have been lost to the tune of £3,000,000, and the trade union funds have been depleted to a very low point. In nearly every case the trouble was that men would not accept the lower wages scale necessitated by a period of depression. Yet eventually, notably in the shipbuilding and engineering strike of the North East coast, and the cotton strike of Lancashire, the lower rates have had to be accepted—after long illness, carrying harm to the strikers and ruin to many outside the actual combatants. Truly the strike has been a boomerang in its effect of late.

A WAR-SCARRED VETERAN.

A war-scarred veteran, James Goldfinch Lawrence, has just died at Aldborough, Suffolk, at the age of 75. He was the son of a coast-guardman, and entered the naval service early. He saw active service first in the Crimean war, and after that went out on the China station, where he was one of the volunteer party to land and attack the Pei-ho forts. It was a brilliant piece of work and he was one of the first to scale the walls and enter the Chinese defences. In doing so he was so wounded that he had to go into hospital. Reduced from active combatant to signalman he was invalided home and pensioned.

SIR ROBERT HART.

Sir Robert Hart, it is reported, is finally considering whether he shall return to China or settle in England with periodical visits to his countrymen in the north of Ireland. His friends contend that as he made his promise to the Dowager Empress to return if she asked him to, her death has freed him from obligation, but Sir Robert has not yet made up his mind positively. I have tried to lay hold of him this week to discover his bent on this matter but he has not been available in London. He has just been made an honorary Doctor of Laws of Dublin University.

CANADA'S ASIATIC PROBLEMS.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian delegate to the International Opium Congress in Shanghai, in passing through London made it clear that he has great hopes of satisfactory results coming out of the meeting. He thinks the Conference will last three weeks or a month and has left word in Ottawa to expect him back in March. While in the East he will take up not only the opium question but also the whole matter of Asiatic immigration to British Columbia. At present, as a matter of fact, the agreement with Japan seems to be operating satisfactorily, for very few Asiatics indeed have landed in Canada for many months. I believe the figures are nine for the past six weeks. So the matter is not exactly pressing at this time, in spite of the efforts of American agitators to keep alive the anti-Asiatic disturbances along the whole Pacific coast. It was mooted some time ago that the Hindus of British Columbia not found in employment and not willing to be deported to the sugar fields of British Honduras should be sent forcibly to Hongkong, whence they came. But since then Colonel Swayne,

the Governor of British Honduras, has been in British Columbia investigating the circumstances and he is now against having the men deported at all to his colony, and as he says he is unable to find unemployed and starving Hindus in Canada, I take it you need not fear having these birds of passage—as they were to Hongkong on their way eastward—returning to your port.

As a matter of fact, Colonel Swayne has warned the Canadian Government that further persecution of the Indians is calculated to have the worst effect, in the way of providing powder and shot for the agitators in India. This is a suggestion that the India Office also has made as delicately as possible to British Columbia.

INDIANS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

The same thing applies to the Transvaal. The compulsory registration of Indians has for nearly two years agitated the peace of the colony, for the Indians claim that they are old established reputable merchants and British citizens to boot, and should not be treated as suspicious characters from the corners of Asia. Of the thirteen thousand Indians there nearly two thousand have carried their objections to the point of suffering imprisonment rather than register.

The Appeal Court has shown them greater consideration lately, and so, in view of the desirability of pacifying India also, the prosecutions will not be pressed for the present. In a few weeks a conference between the authorities and the Indian leaders will be held with a view to settling the Indian question in South Africa for good and all. Considering the tenuous situation in India I believe official opinion runs in the direction of considerable treatment of the Indians in the colonies.

THE ANTI-OPIMUM AGITATION.

Mr. Robert Laidlaw, M.P., and Miss Laidlaw have followed Mr. Mackenzie King and Sir Cecil Clementi Smith eastward for the Shanghai Conference. They left London on Wednesday. If they are the last they may not be the least active at the Conference. If Mr. Laidlaw is easy going there he will not be like the anti-opiumists here just now, for though their programme is run on quiet lines, since the meeting of thirty members of Parliament supporting the anti-opium policy a month ago, there has been a steady flow of literature directed to their fellow legislators. You see they don't expect much more to be done with you in the East till after the Shanghai Conference and the appearance of the belated Opium report on the Straits Settlements. They are preparing for hostile criticism of the prospective restrictions by this feeding process of anti-opium print.

As a matter of fact the stars are in their favour, for apart from their tactics altogether, which are probably more often used as pipe-lighters than as improvement for the mind, there are exciting times coming in Parliament in the next few months. Keep your eyes on Lloyd George and you will get advance views of when and where the trouble will come that will force a General Election. That is my "tip," based on information from political circles that ought to make it worth bearing in mind. So amid all that roar of the home game there will be little time for the voice of protest that has to come many thousands of miles. Nothing less than a megaphone on the spot will make any impression, and you are so far away.

WEDDINGS.

By the way, a fortnight hence, Captain Hubert Clementi Smith, R.E., son of the leading British Opium Commissioner at Shanghai, will marry Miss Kathleen Clarke-Jervois.

There was an Eastern wedding on Tuesday under most inhospitable weather conditions at St. James', Dover, the contracting parties being Mr. Harry Gough, of the Straits Police, and Kathleen, eldest daughter of Lt. Col. C. R. M. O'Brien, C.M.G., late of the 30th (East Lancashire Regiment), and granddaughter of the late Sir Terence O'Brien, K.C.M.G. The bridegroom's father, rector of Birmingham, officiated. At All Souls' Eastbourne, Mr. Cyril Clode Robinson, youngest son of the late Mr. Alfred Murray Robinson, of Shanghai, married a day or two ago Miss Alice Peckless, daughter of the late Mr. J. G. Peckless, of Eastbourne.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

The French papers, I notice, during the last few days have been devoting a good deal of editorial attention to the advances of China. The neighbouring position of French Indo-China, says *Le Journal*, makes France very directly interested in the new order of things. It is not so much upon Japan that the fate of French Indo-China depends as on China, and it is satisfactory to note that the new Government in Peking seems perfectly willing to enter into an agreement with France.

The reports of rebel activity in Indo-China, under the spur of agitators trained in Japan, is irritating to the French, it appears, but they recognise that the rapid rise of the Japanese is naturally succeeded by a livelier period of native ambitions in other Asiatic territories. A COMBINE OF MATCH MANUFACTURERS. Match manufacturers in Europe are watching with something more than interest the negotiations for the amalgamation of numerous Swedish and Japanese match concerns. If it is carried through it will be very much in the nature of a world's monopoly, for though Sweden and other places have plenty of match factories, as time goes on Japan has an increasing advantage in the matter of suitable wood supplies. Here again the prospect of timber famine is menacing an industry in Europe.

A LONDON HOME FOR ASIATICS.

The Japanese Government has just shown its appreciation of the work of Strangers' Home for Asiatics in London by sending a donation to the funds of £100. The home stands in the West Indian Dock road, and there the superintendent, Captain J. A. Morris, receives every year more than 200 destitute men. Shelter is given to natives from India, Arabia, Africa, Ceylon, Malacca, Singapore, and Chinese and Japanese sailors. The full accommodation is for 144 men and for the past two years the occupants have averaged about half that number.

THE U.S. PRESIDENT AND HIS SUCCESSOR.

It would appear that Tang-shao-yi, the special ambassador to the United States, has found American opinion in regard to any sort of formal entanglement, though ample assurances of sympathy with the progressive movement have been given him. Moreover the Asiatic question on the Pacific coast is on the way to a more permanent solution. Mr. Taft, I believe, will prove a less vociferous president than Mr. Roosevelt, but his influence will be in the direction of peace and the advancement of commerce. Also he is still frank in his declarations as to a special interest in the Philippines.

Mr. Roosevelt, by the way, will probably extend his African trip into the interior, further than was at first intended. He is bent on securing a white rhinoceros, and has pledged himself, if he gets two, to give one to the British Museum. A French scientist has just advanced the theory, backed by some evidence, that this white rhinoceros is the real source of the fabulous unicorn.

THE LEGATIONS IN PEKING.

THE QUESTION OF THEIR ELEVATION.

The projected elevation of the American Legation in Peking and of the Chinese Legation in Washington to the rank of Embassies, the *Times* correspondent telegraphed on Christmas Day, has been much discussed here during the past few days. Comment, even among those interested in seeing a further strengthening of the bonds of friendship between the two countries, is almost wholly unfavourable. Foreigners point out that brilliant men like Tang Shao-yi, Liang Tzu-yen, and other Chinese embassied abroad who hold official positions in China, are rather examples of what the Chinese may become in an improved environment than typical examples of the Chinese as they are. They admit that China is making progress, and are willing to forget the massacres of foreign women and children by Imperial orders only eight years ago. They fear, however, that the premature granting of such a distinction to China will retard her progress by removing the incentive to progress, and will give the Chinese in their present imperfect development an erroneous impression of their position in the scale of modern Powers.

While her progress is undeniable and full of hope for the future, it must not be forgotten that China has no Budget, no rational financial system, and no uniform currency; and the best Chinese must admit that until polygamy and domestic slavery are abolished, the administration of justice reformed, and the barbarous extraction of evidence by torture abandoned, China cannot aspire to rank with the United States. It is expected that the inauguration of a Constitution in China might be fittingly marked by the elevation of the Peking Legations to Embassies. At present China cannot establish a claim to such recognition on any grounds of national achievement, though she may appeal for it on the ground that it will gratify her national pride.

On the other hand, prominent Chinese in Peking view with misgiving the projected subversion of present procedure in diplomatic intercourse, knowing that Ambassadors will rank after Princes of the Blood Royal, will have the right of personal audience of the Sovereign, may ask for an audience on any fitting occasion, and will decline to treat with the irresponsible minor officials without authority to whom are now too frequently delegated duties belonging to the responsible Ministers.

A SWATOW MISSIONARY ON CHINESE PROGRESS.

Dr. Gibson, of Swatow, Moderator-elect of the English Presbyterian Church, preached in Dawson Park U.F. Church, Edinburgh, on December 27 and gave an account of the swelling of China. He said that it was just 100 years since the first Christian missionary went to China, and for a long time the work was carried on under great difficulty. Some of the early missionaries calculated that in a century there might be 2,000 Christians. There were now at least 200,000 Protestant Christians in China, and families were being trained in Christian homes, and besides these there were probably at least another million of Christians in China. Dr. Gibson said there were now 200 Chinese daily papers which were read all over China and expressing a national opinion and sentiment. They were greatly interested in what went on in Europe, and read all about our public men and their speeches. He described the earnest efforts now being made to put down the curse of opium, and said that in wiping out the whole trade within ten years Chinese statesmen were looking to the national well and paying little heed to vested interests. In their determined crusade for national education the Chinese had sense enough to regard the building up of character as the main end. The officials were laying hands on their old temples for schools. The idols had been thrown out, the incense and worshippers were gone, and the temples were filled with desks and benches. All round on the walls hung pictures of the world's great benefactors, beginning with Confucius, and having among others Buddha and Jesus Christ, and ending with the late Queen Victoria. He had repeatedly been in these temples and talked with the teachers, who were quite willing and eager to discuss China's new ideals and problems. It gave a Christian a shock at first to see Jesus Christ classed along with more earthly benefactors. But it at least showed that the Chinese regarded him as a person worthy of love and reverence. There was the danger that the Chinese had cast off their old superstition and thrown out their idols they might become a nation of agnostics or atheists, and turn to mere material things. It was therefore the duty and the privilege of the Christian Church to see that full advantage was taken of the present favourable situation by sending more missionaries, both men and women, to win China for Christ.

MR. TAFT AND THE PHILIPPINES.

Commissioner Forbes, says the *Cablenews*, has brought to the Filipino people a message from the President-elect of the United States, William H. Taft. This message is to the effect that there will be no change in the policy of the American nation in Philippine affairs. That the policy laid down by President McKinley will be followed out for the benefit of the Philippines and the Filipino people. President-elect Taft expressed his gratification at being elected President of the United States as his position would place him in a position to carry out his many promises to the people. He expressed his love for the people and his confidence that they would respond to the efforts of the American people on their behalf. "This message of the President-elect" explained the Governor General "gives the lie in a most decisive manner to the false and foolish rumours that are afloat in the columns of certain native papers, that the advent of the new president is the advent of a new policy on the part of the government."

SHIPPING NOTES.

Yesterday's mail from Japan brought details of the collision of the Hokkaido oilery steamer *Iburi-maru* with the M.M. steamer *Sydney*. It appears that the *Iburi-maru* left Uraga on Saturday morning the 23rd ult. for Yokohama, after undergoing repairs at the Uraga dock. When she arrived at a point some three miles off Kwanonashi, she sighted the M.M. steamer *Sydney*, on her way from Yokohama to Kobe. All attempts to avert a disaster were futile, and the two vessels came into collision, the bow of the *Sydney* ramming the port-side of the *Iburi-maru*. The French vessel backed out, and the *Iburi-maru* made water rapidly until she was on the verge of sinking. The officers and crew of the *Sydney* assisted the crew of the other vessel on to the French steamer. One of the stockers and a mate were too late to scramble on board and jumped overboard with a life-buoy. They were afterwards picked up by a fishing-boat. Meanwhile the *Iburi-maru* sank. The *Sydney* having sustained some damage, she put back to Yokohama, with the captain and 37 members of the crew. The *Iburi-maru* was lost. Fortunately no lives were lost. The repairs to the *Sydney* would take only two or three days to complete.

The British steamer *Craigvar*, Captain B. C. Edmunds, arrived at Yokohama on the 20th ult. from Muroran, her forward compartment being full of water. The vessel, which is chartered by Messrs. Andrew Weir and Co. who by the way are also owners of the ill-fated *Adato*, left Seattle on the 15th of December last for Hongkong and Manila with a cargo of pine lumber, flour, oats, etc. Heavy weather was met crossing the Pacific, and, running short of coal, the vessel made for Muroran, of which port she arrived on the 9th instant. While entering the port, the *Japan Gazette* says, the vessel struck a submerged obstruction in mid-channel. The blow, which was only slightly felt on board, caused no apprehension, but shortly after being anchored in the harbour it was found that the vessel was making water forward and settling by the head. Divers were at once sent for, but before these had finished their inspection the vessel settled more and more and listed heavily to port, and it was determined to heave her to keep her from sinking at her anchor. By this time there was 22 feet of water in the forward hold, but steam being got up, the vessel was safely beached in a good position. The divers reported that the vessel had sustained serious damage, there being a hole 20 feet long and from 1 foot to 3 feet wide on the starboard side about 40 feet from the stem. A part of the cargo was landed and temporary repairs were made, after which the vessel came on to Yokohama for further repairs.

About 1400 of the strikers at Manila returned to work on the 27th ult. under agreements signed between the union and the owners of nine launches and 98 cacos and lorchaes. Senor Pedro Guayana, president of the gremio, declared himself well satisfied, stating that the concession by the shipowners was significant as a recognition of the union, for which he had been contending as essential to the success of the strike movement. Mr. Guayana said that the average increase of pay granted the returning strikers amounts to twenty per cent. 6,300 strikers are left to be looked after by the Union.

There is no information in the papers as to how the *Adato* came to be so far out of her course, but the *Japan Gazette* reports that Captain Grant, of the British sailing ship *Brilliant*, reports that on the night of the 19th when the *Adato* was at anchor, the weather was thick, with rain, and there was a strong current to the eastward. The *Brilliant* was several times compelled to alter her course and haul more to the north and west. Captain Grant estimates that the current was setting to the east at fully six miles per hour. It is therefore very probable that the *Adato* on leaving Yokohama, encountered the same current, and the night being very dark and stormy, she was set out of her course, and so met with disaster.

The year 1908 was the most depressing, unprofitable, and unsatisfactory in the history of British shipbuilding, says the *Shipping World*. The following are the statistics of the tonnage launched during the last three years:—

Year.	Tonnage.	Year.	Tonnage.
1906	1,822,890	1908	902,756
1907	1,637,890		

The figures for 1908 show a decline of 50 per cent. compared with 1906, and of 44 per cent. compared with 1907.

"And yet we have men who should, and do, know better," says the *Shipping World*, than "trying to whittle down and explain away statements made by shipbuilders and those who know, and who have been made acquainted with the unparalleled decline in shipbuilding during the passing of this year compared with all past years. We are not making a cry of despair. We know that the commerce of the world will overcome the temporary available for handling, it, and that we shall get out of the woods again. But we do ask and urge that statisticians and politicians and journalists should deal frankly and fearlessly with the facts where they indicate the receding or the flowing tide."

An interesting experiment in shipbuilding will be made this year on the northeast coast, it is stated. A Newcastle syndicate has decided to order a new type of cargo-carrying steamship with a capacity of 3,200 tons. The new vessel will be built with its sides grooved along the water line, and it is claimed that this will reduce the water resistance on the skin of the ship, and thus increase the speed without adding to the cost of propulsion.

The Supreme Naval Prize Court at St. Petersburg on the 24th December heard an appeal by the owners of the British steamer *St. Kilda* and of her cargo from the judgment of the Liban Prize Court, which had held that the confiscation and sinking of the ship by the Russians in the course of the Russo-Japanese War was justified. The Supreme Court, however, while upholding the right of the Russians to overhaul the vessel, decided that the confiscation and sinking of her were not justified, and that the owners were therefore entitled to present claims for damages before another court. An exception was made by the Supreme Court with regard to a small quantity of rice which was included in the cargo, and which was declared to be destined for the Japanese Government, and also with regard to the cotton on board the vessel, which, it was ruled, might in the circumstances be considered as contraband of war. The owners were represented by Mr. Shetler, who was also counsel in the case of the *Ikhoma*.

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A MORO RISING EXPECTED.

The Cavite correspondent of the Manila *Cablenews* says:—
On the basis of authority it is ascertained that the Moros of Jolo are on the verge of a serious uprising. In fact it is ascertained that a fanatical war is near at hand, throughout Moroland, and that the authorities of the southern Islands are fully prepared to cope with the situation.

The army authorities have telegraphed to Washington that they be granted the use of the following naval vessels in conjunction with a big campaign that will be inaugurated within the next fifteen days in the Island of Jolo:—
U. S. S. *Araya*, U. S. S. *Paragua*, U. S. S. *Pampanga*.

In addition to the above named vessels, the U. S. S. *Rapido* has been requisitioned for by the army authorities, and it is understood that the natives are now under consideration by the naval authorities.

The U. S. S. *Chattanooga* will be ordered south by Rear-Admiral Harbor, with orders to act as mother ship to the above named vessels. The *Araya*, *Paragua*, and *Pampanga* will be put into active commission Monday next and in all likelihood will be turned over to the army within a few days following.

CHRISTIANITY ON THE NILE.

INTERESTING DISCOVERIES.

The following has been communicated to Reuters' correspondent at Khartoum by Professor Sayce, who has lately returned to Khartoum:—
"An interesting discovery of early Christian remains recently been made at Wad-el-Hadad, on the Blue Nile, a few miles north of Senaar, while the foundations of a rest-house for the irrigation department were being dug. A number of graves were found, containing skeletons, with feet to the east. Round the head of each was a quantity of pottery, consisting of bowls and jars, all in a good state of preservation. The bowls are for the most part of dark clay, and decorated with what are known as Nubian patterns. On one of them is a Coptic Processional Cross, and the same emblem is scratched inside the lips of the jars, where it is associated with two other Christian emblems, the fish and the palm-branch. On the neck of one of the jars is a mason's mark, and another of the jars, which are of red ware, has a spout as well as a handle."

"A comparison of the pottery with that found on Nubian sites between the first and second Cataracts makes it probable that it should be dated in the seventh or eighth century A.D. The pottery has been sent to the Khartoum Museum."

"The chief interest of the discovery lies in the fact that it is the first time that Christian remains have been met with so far south, and we may therefore look forward to the discovery of other early Christian remains in the neighbourhood of the Blue Nile. At present very little is known of the history of Christianity in these regions, and we must look to excavation to throw light upon it. A quarter of an hour's walk from the graves are two mounds, called by the natives Bey-el-Anak, 'The House of Anak' (or per-Mahomedan people), which doubtless mark the site of an old Christian church and monastery. Excavation would probably bring to light early Christian inscriptions."

LONDON CHARITIES.

NEARLY £8,000,000 GIVEN IN 1908.

The amount of money given during the year to charitable institutions having their headquarters in London is £7,742,916. The details are set forth in a statistical table which will appear in the next issue of "The Classified Directory to the Metropolitan Charities," compiled by Mr. W. E. Howe; publishers, Longmans, Green, and Co.

Foreign missions, 24 in number, make up the largest item, 1,479,559. Home missions, 51, come next, with £1,049,028. But as there are 14 institutions which are both home and foreign missions, which have an income of £592,287, the best idea of the position may perhaps be formed when it is stated that the home and foreign missions of every kind have together an income of £3,120,874. This is more than double the income of all the hospitals and nursing institutions, of which 161 receive £1,252,542.

The following figures appear in the table:—
Bible and Tract Societies, £ 343,843
Home and Foreign Missions, 3,120,874
Church and Chapel building funds, 22,436
Charities for blind, deaf, dumb, incurables, idiots, &c., 248,425
Hospitals, dispensaries, and nursing institutions, 1,252,542
For the aged, 674,876
Institutions for food and general relief (not including Mansion House funds), 509,567
Voluntary homes, 317,446
Orphanages, &c., 203,769
Institutions for reformation and prevention, 61,324
Institutions for education, 603,879
Institutions for social improvement, 615,535
Institutions for protection, 218,400
Numerous provincial charities are named in the directory, but their headquarters not being in London the incomes are not included in the above figures.

THE PATHWAY TO HEALTH.

COUNT TOLSTOY'S TEN RULES.

Count Tolstoy (says a "Morning Leader" telegram) has decided to be published in the local newspapers of Tonia, near where he resides, the following ten commandments of hygiene:—

1. Live in fresh air day and night.
 2. Take open-air exercise every day, working or walking, &c.
 3. Eat and drink moderately and simply, milk in lieu of alcohol.
 4. Get hardened to cold by washing in ice-water. Hot bath every day.
 5. Wear light, loose clothing.
 6. Live in a dry, spacious, sunny house. Be your own landlord.
 7. Rigorous cleanliness—morally as well—remedy against epidemics.
 8. Regular, strenuous work, a consoler in misfortune, a "joy-cure," a preservative against the sicknesses of mind and body.
 9. After work avoid noisy distraction; spend your leisure time at home. The night is for sleep.
 10. To enjoy good health work and do good actions.
- Tolstoy concludes with these words:—"It rests with other nations to win the same happiness."

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"My daughter, now thirteen years of age, had been a martyr to eczema on her body and head ever since cutting her teeth. We had a doctor off and on for the first five years and have been trying different chemists from time to time, using many ointments, but to no effect. We tried everything imaginable and only kept hoping that the child would grow up. At last, after suffering for twelve years, her body and head were a mass of sores and she was almost mad with it. Then I sent for a set of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent Pills. After ten days' use of the Cuticura Remedies she began to get better. In three weeks she was free of a vestige of eczema! She only took one vial of the Cuticura Pills and we have some of the Soap and Ointment still. Mrs. C. Brainer, High Gate, London, Surrey, Aug. 8 and 12, 1907."

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BRITISH COMMERCE AND METRIC MEASURES.

A Gothenburg firm communicates to the *Times* a very striking illustration of the way in which British manufacturers lose business by neglecting to make use of metric weights and measures. This firm wrote in succession to two British firms, asking for a quotation for wrought iron piping, and giving precise dimensions in millimetres. One firm replied, quoting for pipes of a totally different measurement, expressed in feet and inches. The office of this firm apparently did not contain any clerk competent to convert metric measures into their English equivalents. The other firm appear to have understood what was wanted, but replied that they did not sell pipes of the metric length desired. The result was that the order went to Germany. The primary inference from such cases as these is that there must be a good many British manufacturers who either do not understand their own business or do not care to take the trouble to develop it. More generally, however, these illustrations show what a serious handicap we voluntarily impose upon our industries by refusing to adopt a system of measurement which is now almost universal on the continent of Europe and is rapidly making head way even in the East. A common system of measurement is almost as important to the world as a common system of numeration and a common calendar. Nor are the advantages which the metric system would bring to this country confined to those persons who are engaged in foreign trade. The simplicity of the system is such that a child can learn it in a few days, and all the time now wasted on our confusing tables of weights and measures could be devoted to some more practical study.

REGISTRATION OF FIRMS ABROAD.

A volume of reports from Colonial Governors, the Government of India, and his Majesty's representatives abroad on the laws in force in various countries as to the registration of commercial firms has been published as a Blue-book (Cd. 4420). The inquiry was asked for by the Board of Trade with special reference to the question whether such firms are required to register the names of all responsible partners and of persons who are authorized to sign and act on their behalf. These reports have now been received and copies thereof are included in the volume.

From the replies received it appears that all the foreign countries concerned have legislated on the subject, with the exception of Abyssinia; that there is no law in force requiring firms to register in British India; and that the following colonies have no legislation on the subject:—Barbados, Bermuda, British Central Africa, British Guiana, British Honduras, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Dominica, East Africa Protectorate, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Gibraltar, Hongkong, Labuan, Leeward Islands, S. Helena, Sierra Leone, Somaliland, Southern Nigeria, Southern Rhodesia, Straits Settlements, the Transvaal, Trinidad, and Uganda. The Governor of the Bahamas states that the only Act in force in that colony dealing with the subject is an obsolete Act of the year 1861—"An Act to authorize the formation of partnerships with limited liability"—and that it does not appear that any firm has ever been registered under its provisions.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Royal Packet S.N. Co. str. van Horn left Singapore for this port on the 30th ult. and may be expected here on or about the 6th instant, and will leave for 'Macao' and Singapore on same day.

The P.M. str. *Asia* with the American Mail from Hongkong on the 2nd ult. arrived in San Francisco on the 29th ult.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* left Vancouver p.m. on Thursday the 28th ult. for Hongkong via the usual port of call.

The J.-C.-J. str. *Typhoon* left Batavia via Muntok for this port on the 27th ult. p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 6th inst. a.m.

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HONGKONG FOOTBALL SHIELD COMMITTEE MEETING.

THERE will be a MEETING of representatives to appoint Referees for Second Round of Shield Ties TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), February 3rd, at 5.30 p.m. at Y.M.C.A. Rooms.

ALEX. P. STORRIE,
Hon. Sec. Shield Ties.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909. [267]

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909. [268]

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909. [269]

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NOTICE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY the 8th Feb., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 8th Feb., or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 8th Feb., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
P. DE CHAMPAGNE, Agent.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [2]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS & CHINA OVERLAND TRADER REPORT

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- Serious Shooting Affray at Yau-mat.
- Funeral of Lance-Sergeant Mills.

Correspondence:

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FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SAXONIA" Captain Bahl, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

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Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed at consignees' risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and restored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [265]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Cornhill Road, on SATURDAY, 6th February, 1909, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 1st February, until SATURDAY, the 6th February, 1909, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [252]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, Central, on SATURDAY, 6th February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 20th February (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be effected.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [238]

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, to TUESDAY, the 9th February, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Agents for the
KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [246]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [247]

THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4,448 representing 8 Shares of THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED, registered in the name of HOW CHONG (厚昌) has been declared to be LOST.

This is to Give Notice that if the above-mentioned Certificate be not presented at this Office within One Month from Date, a New Certificate will be issued in place thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. JACKSON,
Secretary.
No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai,
13th January, 1909. [206]

NOTICES

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE RE-OPENED

on MONDAY, February 1st.
For Particulars as to Board and Tuition apply to—
THE HEADMASTER.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1909. [253]

NOTICE

THE only Edition of the RACE BOOK and PROGRAMMES Authorized by the Stewards of the JOCKEY CLUB are those printed by Messrs. NORONHA & Co.
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [250]

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [251]

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—
On THURSDAY, FRIDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th February.

From Lyman F.C. in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 3 p.m., and finishing at 10 p.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All Ships, Junks and Other Vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [244]

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STORYETTES.

Scientific knowledge is sometimes negligible. "My boy," said the kindly English rector to the hobbledoy of a youth who was picking mushrooms in the rectory fields, "be aware of picking a toadstool instead of a mushroom; they are easy to confuse." "That be all right, sir," said the rector, "us hain't a-go in to eat on ourselves; they're goin' to market to be sold."

Dr. Walter C. Smith, the popular Scotch poet-preacher, on one occasion, tried to explain to an old lady the meaning of the scriptural expression, "Take up thy bed and walk," by saying that the bed was simply a mat or rug easily taken up and carried away. "No, no," replied the lady, "I canna believe that. The bed was a regular fourposter. There would be no miracle in walking away wi' a bit o' mat or rug on your back."

An old lady was sequestered in a London street by a well-dressed and refined-looking stranger, who effusively claimed her as a friend. "I really don't believe you remember me!" she exclaimed, reproachfully, and the old lady, never doubting that her memory was at fault, confessed that she could not quite recall the name. "Ah! but I have changed it since you know me," said her interlocutor, gayly, and after a few more lively speeches she passed on, leaving the old lady herself musing on the old lady's purse.

When Charles Dudley Warner was the editor of the Hartford, Connecticut, Press, back in the sixties, among the patriotism of the State by his vigorous appeals, one of the type-setters came in from the composing room, and, planting himself before the editor, said: "Well, Mr. Warner, I've decided to enlist in the army." With mingled emotions of pride and responsibility, Mr. Warner replied encouragingly that he was glad to see that the man felt the call of duty. "Oh, it isn't that," said the truthful compositor; "but I'd rather be shot than try to set any more of your copy."

Once a thrifty Scotch physician was called to a case where a woman had dislocated her jaw. He very soon put her right. The woman asked how much was to pay. The doctor named his fee. The patient thought it too much. He, however, would not take less, and as the woman refused to give him the fee, he began to yawn. Yawning, as every one knows, is infectious. The young woman in turn yawned. Her jaw again went out of joint, and the doctor triumphantly said: "Now, until you hand me over my fee, your jaw can remain as it is." Needless to say the money was promptly paid.

Patti was to sing on a certain date at Bucharest, but at the last moment she declined to leave Vienna. It was too cold; snow everywhere; she would not risk catching her death of cold. Mr. Schumann, the impresario, was in despair, until a brilliant inspiration came to him. Quickly he telegraphed to the advance agent in the Rumanian capital: "At whatever cost, Patti must receive an ovation at Bucharest Station from the Italian aristocracy. Send me by return the following wire: 'The members of the Italian and Rumanian nobility are preparing to give Mme. Patti a magnificent reception. The ministry will be represented. Processions, torches, and bands. Telegraph the hour of arrival.' The advance agent carried out this instruction, and, when the telegram arrived at his office, he was in Vienna. It was handed to Patti with the desired effect. "How charming," she murmured; "what time do we start?"

The refusal of the House of Commons to adjourn over Derby Day recalls a story related of one of the Roman Catholic peers who took their seats some four or five years before the passage of the first Reform Bill, after an exclusion of a century and a half. He gave notice that on a certain day he would make a certain motion, whereupon there arose from his noble colleagues a general cry of "Derby!" The astonished novice named another day, only to be greeted with an equally unanimous exclamation of "Oaks!" At this, he explained that he would have to ask the forgiveness of their lordships, but, having been educated abroad, he was forced to acknowledge that he was not familiar with the "list of saints" days in the Anglican calendar.

An amusing anecdote relating to the King's recent stay at Brighton was told by the Rev. Cecil Mansell, rector of Thorpe-Malver, to a gathering of his parishioners. A boy walking up to the King, as he was walking along the esplanade at Hove, said to him, "Mister, can you tell me the time?" "Yes," replied the King, taking out his watch, "it is a quarter to one." The boy then said that he had "been waiting two hours to see the blooming King," and added, "I ain't going to wait any longer." "Neither shall I," replied the King, as he resumed his walk.

The funeral took place recently at Cheltenham, of Mr. John Sims, who had been one of the trustees of Cambray Baptist Chapel, Cheltenham, and a regular attendant. The chapel was not represented at the funeral, a circumstance which did not attract much attention until Mr. Sims' will was read the same evening, when it appeared that by a codicil he had left to the chapel £100 for each deacon attending his funeral. There are nine deacons.

EUROPEAN SHIP OFFICERS IN TROUBLE AT MANILA.

The trial of Alexander McCormick, second engineer on the steamer Zulu, on a charge of being in illegal possession of opium at Manila took place on the 27th ult. The accused on his own behalf testified that he found the opium during the search for the drug made by the customs officers, and that he was about to hand it over to the officers when he was arrested. Accused was found guilty and a fine of \$500 was imposed.

Judge Smith found that the charges made had been proved, that the opium had been found as charged and as admitted by the defendant himself testifying on his own behalf.

The extent of the guilt of the accused was the point the judge took most under consideration and from that consideration came to the conclusion that the accused had not made a satisfactory explanation of the possession of the prohibited drug. The accused tried to induce the court to believe that he was taking it to turn it over to the officers of the law when he was found with it in his possession in order to secure a reward for its discovery.

But in view of the fact that McCormick had not made any attempt to justify his possession at the time he was found with it by the secret service agents of the customs authorities the judge concluded that "Under these circumstances it is manifest that the accused explanation of the defendant could not and cannot convince a man of average intelligence and integrity of the good faith of defendant's claim here."

The trial of Chief Officer Lawson for interfering with a detective officer in the discharge of his duties resulted in a conviction and a fine of £200.

ON THE LINKS.

THE art of holding out in one. The golfer who has never holed out in one occupies a somewhat unique position. Most of the players one meets have accomplished this feat. If the penalties are duly observed, it is apt to prove expensive. But it is soul-inspiring. Even if it be a fluke, it is a fluke that occasions no heart-burning. At the very least it points to accurate play. At the shortest of holes the best of us are considered to do very well if we land our ball within two paces of the hole. One put means either that we have placed our ball exceedingly well, or that our prowess on the green is remarkably good. But no putt at all is the very dence.

THE PROBLEM OF A HOLE IN ONE. There is a lady golfer whose achievement will go down to posterity in the annals of the game. She was playing at Walton Heath against Braid, who was giving her a stroke a hole. One of her tee shots was favoured by the gods, and she holed out in one. Braid was accordingly faced with the delicate task of holing out in none, in order to halve the hole. It is reported that he did not make the attempt. I have no record of the number of times that Braid has got down in one. Taylor has six to his credit. The record holder is probably Mr. L. Stuart Anderson, who has done seven holes in seven strokes. The holes are the seventh at Tavistock, the old seventh at North Perwick, the fourteenth at North Berwick, the fifth on the old Braid, the tenth and fifteenth at Aberdeen, and the fourth at St. Enodoc. Mr. Oscar Asche has holed out the last hole at the Montebello course, near Edinburgh, in one. This hole is, I am told, a very decent four.

LONG ODDS. A writer in a Belfast paper, commenting on the art of holding out in one, stated that Mr. Arnold Blyth, the Stock Exchange golfer, remarked one day at Doracoch that he had been playing golf for forty years and had never holed out in one. And then he went on to the links and holed out a tee shot! In September Ben Sayers holed the fourteenth at Muirfield in one. It was twenty years since he had similar luck, and the writer above referred to worked out the chances in figures. On the basis of one round per day throughout the year, he calculated that Sayers played 6,570 holes per year, or 131,400 in twenty years. We are told that the chances of holing out in one are, in the case of a player of Sayers' calibre, about 131,400 to 1. The betting on the probability is by no means brisk.

GOOD BAGS OF THE LINKS. Holing in one is so common that the feat is apt to pass without comment. To arouse our enthusiasm a golfer must kill something. A big fish was killed on the South Herne course at Tottenham, but not with a golf ball. About a year ago at Newark, however, a golf ball, driven into the river, killed a trout of two pounds in weight. This is not a fishing story, but a golf story, and I should be the last to throw suspicion on its truth. During a tournament at Newark in 1905 a full grown weasel was killed. It only required a brace or two of grouse and some ground game to complete a very sporting bag.

LORD ALVERSTONE'S GAME. No less a personage than the Lord Chief Justice has contributed to the long list of remarkable shots. The "Chief," who has been a golfer for only three years, was having a round of the Edgbaston course with the local professional as a relief from the work of the Birmingham Assizes. At the second hole, so the report runs, Lord Alverstone was bunkered, and he aimed a mighty swipe at the ball with his niblick. The ball, to quote the unimpassioned report, "jumped into the air and dropped into his right-hand jacket pocket." I have no doubt that when his lordship got back to court, he would be compelled to answer interrogatories and give further particulars. I hope that, if a prisoner, at a loss to explain the presence of a golf ball in his pocket, appears before his lordship, Lord Alverstone will remember that golf ball and accept the explanation that it "just fell in."

AMUSING "HOWLERS" BY SCHOOLBOYS.

NEW ATTRIBUTES OF FAMOUS MEN.

A most amusing collection of schoolboy "howlers" is published in the "University Correspondent." Some of the best are the following:

Switzerland is a very wonderful place; you can often see the mountains towering among the clouds.

The chief lakes of England are Ullswater, Derwentwater, and Baywater.

Habes Corpus is what the people used to say to the undertakers at the time of the Great Plague of London in 1666. It means "You may have the body."

Vergil was a man who used to clean up clothes.

No one knows whether, where, how, when, or why Homer was born.

The chief clause in Magna Charta was that one which said that no one was to be punished without his own consent.

The Crusades were on account of the Turks. They had taken Constantinople and were so cruel they would not let traders use the Bosphorus.

Clive conducted the Indian Mutiny and brought it to a successful conclusion.

Oliver Cromwell's home policy was that of being a good husband and a kind father; his foreign policy was to walk abroad in a big slouch hat and a very large red nose.

William the Conqueror was one of our best authors; he wrote the Doomsday Book.

John Bright is famous for an incurable disease. A hexameter has six feet, a taximeter has five.

An Alexandrine is a form of verse so called because it was employed by Tennyson in his poem to Queen Alexandra.

Hexham is famous for the making of hexameters.

An extract noun is the name of something which does not exist, such as goodness.

"Kibbles" was a great agriculturist and wrote a book on yeast.

Oliver Cromwell was the captain of an ironclad.

Queen Elizabeth's face was thin and pale, but she was a stout Protestant.

Communism is a religion. They share a dollar. Things which are equal to other things are equal to one another.

Q. What do you know if three sides of a triangle are equal? A. The other side must be equal also.

A thermometer is a short glass tube that regulates the weather.

An axiom is a thing that is so visible that it is not necessary to see it.

The Gordian Knot was untied by Lord Kitchener when he took Khartoum and cleared up the tangle into which we had got over General Gordon.

The Zenith is a quadruped living in the interior of Africa.

Chivalry is when you feel cold.

Luxemburg is a mineral for making lead pencils.

If a ro is not taken with dusty corners microscopes will breed there.

Chapiets are small places of worship.

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The suffrage is a place where people suffer for their political views. From an essay: Sailors meet, with many hardships, men-of-war and other ships.

OCEAN BILLIARDS.

Up to now it has never been possible successfully to introduce billiards on board ship. Even where a vessel has a reputation for exceptional steadiness the thing has been regarded as out of the question. It would appear, however, that a patent has now been taken out for an apparatus which will enable a billiard-table to accommodate itself to the varying motions of the ship, and that the billiard-room may thus shortly become a feature of the up-to-date liner. There is, of course, nothing very novel in the idea, for among the wonders of the "Great Eastern" was a billiard-table placed upon a swinging dock. There was an expectation that the table would maintain its equilibrium, and that the balls would always be playable, whatever happened, but the hope was not realised. Some of the shots made on the "Great Eastern" were wonderful to behold. The game, it is said, resolved itself into a curious mixture of billiards, golf, and hockey.

The latest idea avoids the mistake made on the "Great Eastern" for it does not contemplate the setting up of a billiard-room so suspended as to maintain its poise. The right method, it is thought, is to deal with the table, and with the table only. This is provided with balancing mechanism designed to counteract the rolling or the pitching of the vessel. In a violent gale it would be absurd to attempt to play a hundred up, but the claim is that in moderate weather the newly-invented table will adjust itself to all conditions, and thus admit of a variety of recreation which will offer a pleasant variation from the amusements at present at the disposal of ocean passengers. It should be explained that the table is furnished with a solid frame fixed to the deck. A narrow ledge forming part of the frame surrounds the edges of the table, and in accordance with the motion of the boat, and the stationary frame serves the purpose of bearing most of the weight which the player would ordinarily bring to bear upon the table.

Billiard-tables of full size require a good deal of space, and for that reason, perhaps, they are unlikely to be used on board ship, supposing the present venture proves the success it is anticipated. But the system is equally applicable to tables of three-quarter size or of smaller dimensions. The suggestion is that on big passenger steamers there will be no difficulty whatever in finding room for a small billiard-table in the smoking-room. Anyhow, some of the leading steamship companies have the matter before them, and if the invention has all the merits which are alleged, ocean billiards may soon become a recognised pastime at sea.

TROUBLE IN THE WOOLLEN TRADE.

SIXTY THOUSAND HANDS INVOLVED.

A serious dispute, which is likely to affect the whole of the woollen trade, has arisen at Huddersfield, where the warpers at the Union Mills were under notice to cease work. The trouble at the end of December arose out of the teaching of a learner, who was out of employment, to warp, this being contrary to the shop rule of the Warpers' Union, which holds that no outsider shall be taught while one of their number is out of employment, or while there is a vacant warping frame. The manufacturers offered to consider the whole question of learners on the condition that the particular learner referred to is allowed to continue, but the Warpers' Union declined to accede to this, notwithstanding that the executive of the General Union of Weavers and Textile Workers, representing fully sixty thousand mill operatives, who will be affected in the event of a strike, condemned their action. The Warpers' Union is not affiliated to the General Union, which in the early part of the year agreed with the manufacturers' association to submit all disputes to arbitration. If the notices lapse it would have meant that 25,000 mill operatives would have to cease work on January 1st, and subsequently all engaged in the woollen trade. The position which is without parallel, was causing great anxiety when the mail left, but as no telegraphic news of a strike has been received, we may conclude that it has been averted.

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SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's Office. 2 From Harbour Master's Office to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	CARNARVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. Hayward, R.M.B.	SHAW, TOMES & Co.	To-day.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	H. S. Bradshaw	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 6th inst. at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	H. S. Bradshaw	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 10th inst.
BREMEN & HAMBURG	MONTGOMERYSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	J. J. Matheson & Co., Ltd.	J. J. Matheson & Co., Ltd.	About 23rd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	Middle of February.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	YEDDO	Dan. str.	—	Rebnat	MELCHERS & Co.	To-day, at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SYDNEY	Fr. str.	—	H. Peterson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SAKUKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Peterson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst. at D'light
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SAKUKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Peterson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th March.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	MACDONIA	Brit. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 10th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	MURINA MARU	Brit. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 10th March.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 10th inst. at Noon.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 25th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 18th inst. at 7 A.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 2nd March, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 11th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 16th inst. at Noon.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 25th inst. at 5 p.m.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 18th inst. at Noon.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 25th inst. at 4 p.m.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 18th March, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 8th April, at 4 p.m.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 8th inst. at D'light
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 17th inst. at Noon.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at 3 p.m.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th inst. at Noon.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th inst. at 8 A.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th inst. at 4 p.m.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 11th inst. at Noon.
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MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 15th inst. p.m.
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MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.M.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 7th inst. at 10 A.M.
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C. FEED. LAETZ, German str. 4,875, A.
Wagner, 1st Feb.—Shanghai 29th Jan.
General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.
DAYTA MARU, Japanese str. 1,735, Kabayashi,
31st Jan.—Wakamatsu 25th Jan., Coal—
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
EASTERN, British str. 2,272, W. G. McArthur,
1st Feb.—Kobe 26th January, General—
Gibb, Livingston & Co.
HANGSANG, British str. 1,356, S. Wilde, 1st
Feb.—Shanghai 27th January, General—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HINSANG, British str. 1st Feb.—Canton.
HUPH, British str. 1,205, H. Mathias, 1st
February—Hohow 31st Jan., General—
Barkerfield & Son.
KAWACHI MARU, Jap. str. 3,782, H. Potterson,
1st Feb.—Shanghai 29th Jan., General—
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
KWANGTAI, Chinese str. 1,536, W. H. Lum,
1st Feb.—Shanghai 29th Jan., General—
Chinese.
LOONGSANG, British str. 1,092, S. J. Payne,
1st Feb.—Manila 29th Jan., General—
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NAMRANG, British str. 2,591, C. M. B. Lake,
31st January—Calcutta and Singapore 25th
Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
RUBI, British str. 1,619, B. Almond, 1st Feb.—
Manila 30th January, General—Shewan,
Tomes & Co.
SALAZIE, French str. 2,553, Magnen, 1st Feb.—
Marseilles 3rd Jan., Mails and General—
Messageries Maritimes.
TUNGUS, Norwegian str. 1,039, G. Fr. Krogh,
1st Feb.—Wulu 26th and Chinkiang 27th
Jan., Rice—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.
YCHOW, British str. 1st Feb.—Canton.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
1st February.
Abi Mary, Jap. str. for New York.
Argonia, German str. for Chinkiang.
Borneo, German str. for Sandakan.
Chongking, British str. for Chetoo.
Haitan, French str. for Hohow.
Hangsang, British str. for Canton.
Kwangtung, Chinese str. for Chinkiang.
Kwangtung, Chinese str. for Canton.
Tientsin, British str. for Swatow.
Tungus, Norwegian str. for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

1st February.
ANPING, British str. for Shanghai.
DUFAR, Norwegian str. for Canton.
HAIYUN, British str. for Swatow.
HANYANG, British str. for Canton.
HELENA, American gunboat, for Swatow.
SALAZIE, French str. for Bangkok.
SANGUN, German str. for Hongkong.
YUENSANG, British str. for Manila.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Namang reports: Fine with
moderate N.E. monsoon in China sea.
The British str. Eastern reports: Fresh N.
to N.E. winds, overcast sky otherwise fine.
The Chinese str. Kwangtung reports: Ex-
perienced moderate to fresh N.E. winds fine
and clear with moderate N.E. swell to Lamook.
Thence overcast sky and light to moderate
Northerly winds with light seas to Port.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

February 1st.
ABERDEEN DOCK—Pheasant.
KOWLOON DOCK—H.M.S. Whiting, Sul-
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Shantung, Taitan, Germania, Minna de Batui,
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Lightning.

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ber which ensures the supply of Fresh Pro-
visions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with
the Electric Light.
A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
are carried.
N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of
passengers the Steamers of the Company have
electric fans fitted in staterooms.
For Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1909. [161]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
"LIGHTNING,"
Captain A. E. Gentles, will be despatched for
the above ports on THURSDAY, the 4th Feb.,
at 5 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909. [243]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR
COAST).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR NEW YORK.

S.S. "SUBUGA" About 23rd Febr.
For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1909. [1712]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. BREMEN
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL
LINES.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	"BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMBELL	Tuesday, 2nd Febr., at 9 A.M.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & BREMEN	"LUTZOW" Capt. C. DEWEES	Wed'ay, 10th Febr., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"PRINCESS ALICE" Capt. P. GROSCHE	About Thursday, 11th February.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"MANILA" Capt. H. MINNEN	Thursday, 25th Febr., at 5 P.M.

For further Particulars, apply to
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & Co.,
GENERAL AGENTS HONGKONG & CHINA.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. 5

THE BANK LINE LIMITED.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the
United States of America and Canada and also for the Principal Ports in Mexico
and Central and South America.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA, B.C., SEATTLE & TACOMA
VIA
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
SUVERIC	5,232	W. Shotton	On 11th February
GYMERIC	4,002	J. C. A. Hall	On 11th March
KUMERIC	6,232	F. S. Cowley	On 8th April
INVERIC	4,789	R. J. Howie	On 6th May.

These Steamers are specially fitted for the carriage of Asiatic Stevedore Passengers.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES & CANADA.

For further information apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
GENERAL AGENTS.
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1909. 8

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

FRENCH MAIL LINES.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE
VIA SUEZ CANAL.
FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN VIA
SHANGHAI.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"SYDNEY" Capt. Rebnat	On 2nd Febr., 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TOURANE" Capt. Lancelin	On 15th Febr., p.m.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"POLYNESIE" Capt. Broc	On 16th Febr., 1 p.m.

Transhipping on the Co.'s Steamers at Singapore for Batavia; at Colombo for Calcutta,
Bombay and Australia; at Port Said for the Levant, Constantinople and Black Sea.
Through Tickets to London, via Paris, from £27 10s. up to £71 10s. 20 hours Railway
from Marseilles to London. Interpreters meet Passengers on their arrival in Marseilles.
For Further Particulars, apply to—
P. DE CHAMPMORIN, AGENT,
Queen's Building.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. 2

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

LUXURY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.

THE ONLY LINE THAT MAINTAINS A REGULAR SCHEDULE SERVICE OF 12 days
Across the Pacific is the "EMPRESS LINE," Sailing 5 to 10 days Ocean Travel,
12 DAYS YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER.
21 DAYS HONGKONG to VANCOUVER.

PROPOSED SAILINGS. (Subject to Alteration.)	Tons	LEAVE HONGKONG	ARRIVE VANCOUVER
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	SATURDAY, 13th Febr.	5th March
"MONTEAGLE"	6,163	TUESDAY, 2nd March	26th March
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	SATURDAY, 13th March	2nd April
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	SATURDAY, 10th April	30th April
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	SATURDAY, 1st May	22nd May
"MONTEAGLE"	6,163	TUESDAY, 11th May	4th June

"EMPRESS" Steamships will depart from HONGKONG at 7 A.M.
S.S. "MONTEAGLE" at 12 Noon.

THE Quickest route to CANADA, UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, calling at
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI (through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN) KOBE,
YOKOHAMA and VICTORIA, B.C. Connecting at VANCOUVER with a Special Mail
Express, and at QUEBEC with the Co.'s NEW PALATIAL "EMPRESS" Steamships,
14,500 tons register, thus providing a comfortable and speedy through route to Europe.
Hongkong to London, 1st Class via Canadian Atlantic Ports or New York £71.10
Intermediate on Steamers £40 £42.
and 1st Class Railway £40 £42.

First Class rate to London includes cost of Meals and Berth in Sleeping Car while
crossing the American Continent by Canadian Pacific direct Line.
R.M.S. "MONTEAGLE," carries Intermediate Passengers only, at Intermediate rates
affording superior accommodation for that class.

Passengers Booked through to all points and AROUND THE WORLD.
SPECIAL THROUGH RATES (First Class only) granted to Missionaries, Members
of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the
Service of China and Japan Governments.

For further information, Maps, Routes, Handbooks, Rates of Freight and Passage,
apply to
D. W. CRADDOCK, General Traffic Agent for China,
Corner Pedder Street and Praya, opposite Blake Pier.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON,
AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT,
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR
BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL,
AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"DEVANHA."
Captain W. H. Hayward, R.M.B., carrying His
Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this
for Bombay, &c., on SATURDAY, the
6th February, at Noon, taking passengers
and cargo for the above ports in connection
with the Company's s.s. "MOBIA," 11,000
tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation
in which vessel is secured before departure
from Hongkong.
Silt and Valuable, all cargo for France and
Tea for London (under arrangement) will be
transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London,
other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay by the R.M.S. "CALEDONIA" due
in London on the 19th March, 1909.
Parcels will be received at this Office until
4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents
and value of all packages are required.
For further particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1909. [1]

THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL
LINE.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.
(With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast.)

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI	BRITANNIA	Noon, 4th Febr.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DEVANHA	Noon, 6th Febr.	See Special of Call.
LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO	NYANZA	About 10th Febr.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	PALAWAN	About 13th Febr.	Freight and Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD. SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SWATOW, AMOY and SHANGHAI	"YCHOOW"	On 2nd Febr., Noon.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 2nd Febr., 3 P.M.
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 3rd Febr., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 3rd Febr., 4 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"HUPEH"	On 4th Febr., 10 A.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 9th Febr., 3 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"TAIYUAN"	On 25th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and AUSTRALIA	"CHANGSHA"	On 8th April, 4 P.M.

REDUCED RETURN FARE of \$60.00 available for 6 weeks will be issued for the following Passenger Steamer—
"TAMING" leaving Hongkong 2nd February.

MANILA STEAMERS & TIENTSIN STEAMERS have superior Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon. AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports. SHANGHAI STEAMERS have good Saloon Passenger accommodation and take cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage apply to—
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909.BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS

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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"FOOSHANG"	Tuesday, 2nd Febr., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"TUNGSAO"	Wednesday, 3rd Febr., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE and MOJI	"NANGSANG"	Thursday, 4th Febr., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Thursday, 4th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 5th Febr., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"SUISANG"	Saturday, 6th Febr., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Tuesday, 9th Febr., Noon.

FOR THE MANILA CARNIVAL.

FEBRUARY 2nd to 9th, 1909.

A Special Reduced Fare of \$50 for Return Passengers will be issued for our Sailings to Manila of the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 9th February, available for 30 days from date of issue. Passengers taking out these tickets are exempt from the Head Tax.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.
Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang.
Telephone No. 61.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1909.

GENERAL MANAGERS.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN
HONGKONG SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS
AND FORMOSA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO'S S.S.	LEAVING
ANPING VIA SWATOW	"SHOSHU MARU"	WEDDAY, 3rd Febr., at 8 A.M.
AMOY & TAKAO	Capt. IJICHI	THURSDAY, 4th Febr., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	"BUJUN MARU"	THURSDAY, 4th Febr., at 8 A.M.
AMOY & FOCHOW	Capt. Y. FUSENO	SUNDAY, 7th Febr., at 10 A.M.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	"DALIN MARU"	Capt. Y. KASURAKI

These new Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabins Amidships. Untried Table.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and North China Ports.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office, Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909.

T. ARIMA, Manager

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST, HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING
"HAICHING"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	FRIDAY, 5th Febr., at Noon.
"HAIYANG"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	TUESDAY, 9th Febr., at Noon.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage apply to—

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909.

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HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light, Perfect Cuisine. SURGEON and STEWARDESS carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	On 6th Febr., Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	On 13th Febr., Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1909.

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EAST ASIATIC CO., LD. COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK & SHANGHAI. RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LD., ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOK. SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LD. GOTHENBURG.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"CATHAY"	On 10th February.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"YEDDO"	Middle of February.

For Further Particulars apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1909.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

EXTRA PASSENGER SERVICE NEW STEAMERS— EUROPEAN LINE.

FOR GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE,
COLOMBO, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

THE Co's NEWLY BUILT 9000 TONS PASSENGER STEAMERS WILL BE DESPATCHED FROM HONGKONG AS FOLLOWS:

MISHIMA MARU	(Capt. A. E. Mosses)	On Wed. 10th Feb.
MIYASAKI MARU	()	About Wed. 24th Mar.
ATSUTA MARU	()	About Wed. 21st April.

CHEAPEST PASSAGE RATES TO EUROPE AND AROUND-THE-WORLD.

For further particulars apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1909.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG— SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	KAWACHI MARU	6101	WED'DAY, 3rd Febr., at Daylight
PORE, PENANG, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	SAKUKI MARU	6112	WED'DAY, 17th Febr., at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA	AKI MARU	6444	TUESDAY, 2nd Febr., at Noon
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	ITO MARU	6320	TUESDAY, 16th Febr., at Noon
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YAMATO MARU	3817	FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	WAKAMIYA MARU	5539	FRIDAY, 19th March, at Noon
SHANGHAI & KOBE	YEBOSHI MARU	6189	SATURDAY, 6th Febr., at Daylight
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YEBOSHI MARU	3949	SUNDAY, 7th Febr., at Noon
	YEBOSHI MARU	3798	FRIDAY, 12th Febr., at Noon
	NIKKO MARU	5539	WED'DAY, 17th Febr., at Noon

* Omitting Yokohama.
† Fitted with Marconi's System of Wireless Telegraphy.
‡ Cargo only.
Through Passengers Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.
For Further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Charter Road.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1909.

T. KUSUMOTO,
MANAGER.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE HAMBURG.

EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE. Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

TAKING Cargo at Through Rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Marseilles, Genoa, and other Mediterranean, Levantine, Black Sea and Baltic Ports, and all North and South American Ports.
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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.	HOMeward.
FOR SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN: S.S. CONSTANTIA	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG: S.S. SLAVONIA
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE: S.S. SAXONIA	FOR BREMEN & HAMBURG: S.S. ANDALUSIA
S.S. DORFUMUND	FOR NEW YORK: S.S. ARAGONIA
S.S. SPEZIA	
S.S. JILYRIA	
S.S. AMBRIA	
S.S. LIBERIA	
S.S. VANDALLA	
S.S. SILEZIA	

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COY.

S.S. "MACEDONIA."

10,500 TONS.

CAPTAIN C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON VIA BOMBAY WILL LEAVE HONGKONG ON MARCH 20th, 1909, STAYING AT BOMBAY 24 HOURS ONLY AND IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT—

MARSEILLES	APRIL 17TH.
LONDON	APRIL 24TH.

FARES TO LONDON—

1st SALOON	£71.10	SINGLE	£106.14	RETURN.
2nd	£48.3	"	£72.12	"

For further Particulars apply to—

E. A. HEWETT,

SUPERINTENDENT.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909.

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PASSENGER SEASON 1909.

IN 25 DAYS TO ITALY

BY THE

MAGNIFICENT N.D.L. LINERS:

TONS REG.

"PRINZESS ALICE"	10,911	ON MARCH 10TH.
Capt. G. Rott.		
"KLEIST"	9,000	ON MARCH 24TH.
Capt. R. Meyer.		
"PRINZ LUDWIG"	9,630	ON APRIL 7TH.
Capt. F. v. Binzer.		

CALLING AT NAPLES; GENOA; ALGIERS; GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS.

Early booking recommended.

For Particulars, apply to—

MELCHERS & Co.,

GENERAL AGENTS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909.

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SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY CO.

SHORTEST AND QUICKEST ROUTE
BETWEEN
CHINA AND EUROPE VIA DAIREN (DALNY).

MAIN RAILWAY LINE—Semi-Weekly Express Service from Dairen to Changchun (Kwantung), in connection with Siberian Express trains at Harbin, by a train composed of excellently equipped Sleeping and Dining Cars expressly built for the Company by the Pullman Car Co.

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RYOYUN LINE—For Ryojun (Port Arthur), 2 hours from Dairen.
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FUSHUN LINE—For the famous Fushun Collieries from Suchintan Junction.
ANTUNG-HSIN LINE—A light railway from Mukden to Antung-Hsien connecting with the Korean Railway.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE—Regular Direct Weekly Service by the fast Passenger Steamer "Kobe Maru" (2877 tons) sailing from Dairen every Monday and from Shanghai every Friday, in connection with the South Manchurian Express and Trans-Siberian Route (International Train de Luxe).

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SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY COMPANY, DAIREN.
Tel. Add.: "MANTEU." Codes: A.B.C., 5th Ed., A.I. and Lieber's.

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CHIEF OFFICE:—LUDGATE CIRCUS, LONDON, E.C.
TICKETS TO EUROPE by the principal STEAMSHIP LINES and TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.
TOURS arranged to ALL PARTS of the WORLD.
BAGGAGE collected, forwarded and insured at lowest rates.
LETTERS of CREDIT and CIRCULAR NOTES ISSUED and CASHED.
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		MAIL TABLES for 1908	0.30 & 0.50

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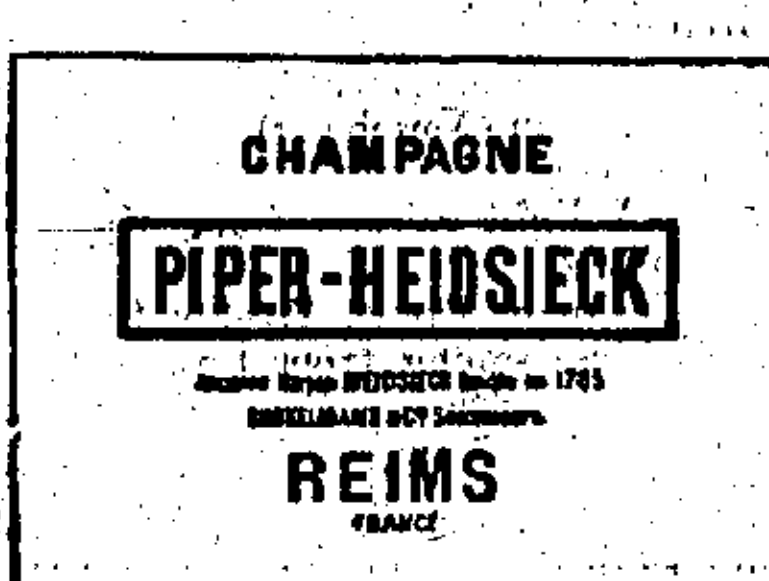
Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalny and Siberia.

The *Bylandia*, with the English mail of the 8th January, left Singapore on Saturday, the 20th January, at noon and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 4th instant, at noon. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 8th Dec., and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 30th December, and for despatch overland on the 6th January.

FOR	PER	DATE
Kuait and Sandakan	Borneo	Tuesday, 2nd, 8.00 A.M.
Hongkong	Hinsang	Tuesday, 2nd, 8.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Devaongse	Tuesday, 2nd, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Saxonia	Tuesday, 2nd, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Hongkong	Yochow	Tuesday, 2nd, 11.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Angkut	Tuesday, 2nd, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Hioji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle	Aki Maru	Tuesday, 2nd, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 2nd, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore	Taming	Tuesday, 2nd, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Arconia	Tuesday, 2nd, 2.00 P.M.
Chinkiang	Foohing	Tuesday, 2nd, 2.00 P.M.
Kobachang	Asania	Tuesday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.
Saigon and Batavia	Carnarvonshire	Tuesday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Takao and Anping	Tymahs	Tuesday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Shoshu Maru	Tuesday, 2nd, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Phrangang	Tuesday, 2nd, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Mithide	Tuesday, 2nd, 5.00 P.M.
Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Dunedin and Fremantle	Kawachi Maru	Tuesday, 2nd, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Eastern	Wednesday, 3rd, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tuxcorin	Lightning	Wednesday, 3rd, 10.00 A.M.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Sydney	Wednesday, 3rd, 10.00 A.M.

Macao	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 3rd, 1.15 P.M.
Cebu and Iloilo	Kaifong	Wednesday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Tengsang	Wednesday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Amoy, Fookchow and Hongkong	Linan	Wednesday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Buyan Maru	Wednesday, 3rd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Rupoh	Thursday, 4th, 8.00 A.M.
Macao	Namsang	Thursday, 4th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Sui Tai	Thursday, 4th, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Hanyang	Thursday, 4th, 3.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Haiching	Friday, 5th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Shantung	Friday, 5th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao and Singapore	Van Hoon	Friday, 5th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Sui Tai	Friday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Samarang, Surabaya and Batavia	Loongang	Saturday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Rubi	Saturday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Suisang	Saturday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tuxcorin	Printed Matter and Samples	Registration, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Registration, 10.00 A.M.	(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail.)
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Macao	Sui Tai	Saturday, 6th, 1.15 P.M.
Amoy, Singapore and Bangkok	Locksaw	Saturday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow and Hongkong	Choising	Sunday, 7th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Haiyang	Tuesday, 9th, 11.00 A.M.

FOR THE RACES



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COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATION.

		February 1st
ON	LONDON:—	
	Telegraphic Transfer	1/9 1/2
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/9 1/2
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/9 1/2
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/9 1/2
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/9 1/2
	Documentary Bills at 4 months' sight	1/9 1/2
ON	PARIS:—	
	Bank Bills, on demand	222
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	222 1/2
ON	GERMANY:—	
	On demand	181
ON	NEW YORK:—	
	Bank Bills, on demand	43
	Credits, at 60 days' sight	44 1/2
ON	BOMBAY:—	
	Telegraphic Transfer	132 1/2
	Bank, on demand	132 1/2
ON	CALCUTTA:—	
	Telegraphic Transfer	132 1/2
	Bank, on demand	132 1/2
ON	SHANGHAI:—	
	Bank, at sight	74 1/2
	Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2
ON	YOKOHAMA:—On demand	36 1/2
ON	MANILA:—On demand—Pesos	36 1/2
ON	SINGAPORE:—On demand	75 1/2
ON	BATAVIA:—On demand	106 1/2
ON	HATPHONG:—On demand	12 1/2 p.m.
ON	SAIGON:—On demand	12 1/2 p.m.
ON	BANGKOK:—On demand	86 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate		\$11.20
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael		\$59.10
BAR SILVER, per oz.		23 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

		per cent
Chinese	20 cents pieces	\$7.10 discount
Chinese	10	\$7.80
Hongkong	20	\$6.70
Hongkong	10	\$6.80

SHIPPING IN PORT.

STRAMERS.
AKI MARU, Japanese str., 3,995, J. Nagao, 24th Jan.—Seattle 22nd Dec., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
AKI MARU, Japanese str., 2,182, A. Nagao, 30th Jan.—Moji 25th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
ASANIA, German str., 2,082, Gertz, 25th Jan.—Chinkiang, 22nd Jan., General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.
BANGKOK, German str., 1,237, Nicolaisen, 30th Jan.—Bangkok 22nd Jan., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
BOHNE, German str., 1,344, Semhill, 22nd Jan.—Sandakan 16th Jan., Timber—Molchers & Co.
BUYAN MARU, Japanese str., 1,811, Fusono, 29th Jan.—Swatow 28th Jan., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
CARNARVONSHIRE, Brit. str., 4,219, F. Ingram, 30th Jan.—Shanghai 27th Jan., General—Shevan, Tomes & Co.
CHUBING, German str., 1,022, J. Bruhn, 24th Jan.—Bangkok 14th Jan., Rice, Salt and Teakwood—Butterfield & Swire.
CHOWFA, German str., 1,026, Rehr, 29th Jan.—Bangkok 21st Jan., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
DEWAGONG, German str., 1,053, F. Kowaldt, 22nd Jan.—Bangkok 14th Jan., Rice and Wood—Butterfield & Swire.
DRUTAR, Norwegian str., 1,102, J. Birg, 31st Jan.—Chinkiang 26th Jan., Groundnut—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.
EMPEROR OF CHINA, British str., 3,046, R. Archibald, B.N.E. 22nd Jan.—Vancouver, B.C. 21st Jan., General—C.P.R. Co.
FUTUNGA, Norwegian str., 891, O. Andersen, 29th Jan.—Pula Laut 21st Jan., Coal—Aagaard Thoresen & Co.
FUKURA MARU, Japanese str., 1,946, Kumawaki, 29th Jan.—Moji 24th Jan., Coal—Matsui Bishi Goshi Kaisha.
GERMANIA, German str., 1,600, H. Fligel, 23rd Jan.—Sydney 15th Dec., Koyen—Siemsen & Co.
HAIYAN, British str., 1,183, Roach, 29th Jan.—Swatow 28th Jan., General—Douglas, Leprie & Co.
HALDIS, Norwegian str., 1,036, Solberg, 20th Jan.—Swatow 19th Jan., Ballast—Aagaard Thoresen & Co.
HANTANG, British str., 1,207, Trowbridge, 31st Jan.—Daly 22nd and Choofo 25th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.
JACOB DIERICHSEN, German str., 623, Hansen, 30th Jan.—Pukhoi and Hoilow 25th Jan., General—Jensen & Co.
JOHANNE, German str., 952, J. Jwerson, 27th Jan.—Saigon 21st Jan., Rice—Jensen & Co.
KUICHOW, British str., 1,787, G. Hooker, 24th Jan.—Proboling 17th Jan., Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.
LOHNTING, British str., 2,122, A. E. Gentes, 26th Jan.—Singapore 20th Jan., General—David Sassoon & Co.
LOONGANG, German str., 1,020, W. Tanbert, 27th Jan.—Bangkok 18th Jan., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
LOYAL, German str., 1,337, F. Natzius, 28th Jan.—Bangkok 17th Jan., General—Sander, Wieler & Co.
MARIE, German str., 1,169, Christiansen, 12th Jan.—Rangoon 31st Dec., Groundnuts—Jensen & Co.
MATHILDE, German str., 631, A. P. Ulderup, 31st Jan.—Hoihow 29th Jan., General—Jensen & Co.
PARANANG, British str., 1,065, J. H. Scott, 27th Jan.—Saigon 21st Jan., Rice—Chinese.
PIBANANG, German str., 1,021, Fr. v. Mangelsdorf, 27th Jan.—Bangkok 18th Jan., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
PROTECTOR, Danish str., 145, Nielsen, 25th Jan.—Haiphong 23rd Jan., General—Aagaard Thoresen & Co.
SAXONIA, German str., 1,700, F. Bable, 31st Jan.—Hamburg 12th Dec., General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.
SEMINOLE, British str., 3,796, H. D. Clarke, 28th Jan.—Swatow 27th Jan., Waterballast—Standard Oil Co. of New York.
SHANTUNG, British str., 1,835, Goswisch, 22nd Jan.—Bangkok 12th Jan., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
SHINI MARU, Japanese str., 1,388, K. Tomioka, 25th Jan.—Moji 19th Jan., General—Ataka.
SHOSHU MARU, Japanese str., 999, I. Ijichi, 30th Jan.—Swatow 29th Jan., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
STANDARD, Norwegian str., 895, H. Bull, 28th Jan.—Saigon 22nd Jan., Rice—Aagaard Thoresen & Co.
STETTIN, British str., 2,246, C. Sangster, 31st Jan.—Fookchow 29th Jan., Oil—Geo. McEldin & Co.
SURANG, British str., 1,765, W. D. Walsh, 16th Jan.—Singapore 8th Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
TARHAN, British str., 1,226, J. S. Laing, 24th Jan.—Saigon 19th Jan., Rice—Bradley & Co.
TAMING, British str., 1,350, Somerville, 29th Jan.—Manila 26th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.
TARLAC, American str., 553, Gastanaga, 27th Jan.—Manila 20th Jan., Ballast—Order.
TEBERACHOS, Brit. str., 1,340, J. Williamson, 30th Jan.—Saigon 20th Jan., Rice and General—Chinese.
TIRINGANO, British str., 1,045, Anderson, 26th Jan.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 21st Jan., Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
YOHOW, British str., 1,281, Brown, 26th Jan.—Wuhu 21st Jan., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK CORPORATION.	120,000	\$125	all	\$500, sellers
NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.	99,925	\$7	\$6	\$51, buyers
CANTON INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.	10,000	\$260	\$50	\$190, sellers
CHINA TRADERS INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.	24,000	\$33.33	\$25	\$27 1/2, buyers
NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.	10,000	\$215	\$25	\$105, buyers
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY, LIMITED.	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$330, buyers
YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$177 1/2, buyers
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.	20,000	\$100	20	\$106, buyers
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.	8,000	\$250	50	\$330, sales
DOCKS, ETC.				
HONGKONG AND WHARF DOCK CO., LIMITED.	50,000	\$50	all	\$92, sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$12, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited.	10,000	\$63	\$63	\$91, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 76.
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Limited.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$12, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	\$50	\$15	\$29 1/2, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$29 1/2, buyers
Iado-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$5	all	\$37 1/2, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited.	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$23 1/2, buyers
Star Transport & Trading Co., Limited.	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$15, buyers
Tain Tug and Lighter Co., Limited.	200,000	\$50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45.
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Limited.	8,600	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 47 1/2.
Do.	100,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 51 1/2.
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited.	20,000	\$100	\$11	\$120, buyers
Luxon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	\$100	\$11	\$117, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Limited.	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 97 1/2.
WHARVES.				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.	60,000	\$50	all	\$45, sellers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 155.
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	100	\$89 1/2, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited.	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 120.
Kowloon Land and Building Company.	6,000	\$50	\$30	\$32, sellers
Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Co.	3,674	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 9.
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co.	150,000	\$10	\$50	\$9.10, sales
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$44, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
The Peak Tramways Co., Limited.	25,000	\$10	all	\$14.
Do.	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$2.
MINING.				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin.	18,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$590, buyers
Raab Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited.	200,000	£1	18/10	\$8 1/2, sales
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited.	12,000	\$50	all	\$90.
Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai).	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$169.
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$9 1/2, sellers
Watkins, Limited.	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$2, buyers
LIGHTING.				
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	\$10	\$10	\$200, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited.	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 121.
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$19.
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Green Island Cement Co., Limited.	400,000	\$10	10	\$9.80, sellers
Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd. (in Liquidation).	10,000	\$100	100	Nominal
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited.	3,504	\$12 1/2	12 1/2	\$9, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited.	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$12 1/2.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited.	25,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$10.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited.	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$14, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$59, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited.	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$220, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Limited.	16,350	\$20	\$20	Tls. 437 1/2.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited.	60,000	\$10	all	\$25, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Limited.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 86.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 67.
Loan Keng Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 76.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 280.
China Provident Loan & Savings Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, sellers
China Borneo Company, Limited.	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$11 1/2, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited.	12,000	\$10	all	\$9, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited.	3,000	\$7	\$7	\$4, sellers
South China Morning Post.	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$24, sellers
China Light and Power Company.	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$4 1/2, sales
Steam Laundry Company, Limited.	50,000	\$5	\$5	\$5 1/2, sales
Weissmann, Limited.	175	\$100	\$100	\$140.
STEAM COMPANIES.				
Philippine Co., Limited.	67,500	\$10	\$10	\$8, sellers
Alhambra, Limited.	300	\$500	\$50	Nominal

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1896	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Par.

VERNON & SMYTH, Share-Brokers.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.	THE AMERICAN MAIL.	THE INDIAN MAIL.	THE CANADIAN MAIL.	MERCHANT STEAMERS.
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The E. & A. str. *Altamora* from Sydney &c., left Port Darwin on the 29th ult. for Manila and this port.

The N.Y.K. str. *Inaba Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 29th ult., and is expected here on the 4th inst.